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We believe we are the original, first, and sole inventors of the invention entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SEALING A BAG," which is described and claimed in the foregoing application and for which a patent is sought.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein (if any).

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the patentability and examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

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